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SUBJECT: LENINGRAD AND SAN FRANCISCO STAFFING

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA USA DIVISION (EVGENIY ANTIPOV, COUNSELOR IN INTERNATIONAL SECTION) NOVEMBER 6 IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL A. ANTIPOV SAID MFA DID NOT YET HAVE RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 16 DEMARCHE ON SAN FRAANCISCO STAFFING/LENINGRAD TDY (REF B). HE SAID PROPOSAL WAS BEING STUDIED AND WAS UNABLE TO GIVE TIME ANTICIPATED NECESSARY FOR REPLY.

2. EMBOFF MADE PROPOSAL REF A PARAS 2 AND 3. ANTIPOV SAID THIS SOUNDED LIKE STEP BACKWARD FROM OCTOBER 16 PROPOSAL WHICH HAD INDICATED THAT EVEN WITHOUT ASSURANCES ON LENINGRAD TDY ISSUANCE, US WOULD PERMIT SOVIET SAN FRANCISCO STAFF OF 36. SOVIETS NOW HAVE ONLY 34 ON SAN FRANCISCO STAFF, HE SAID, AND ADDITION OF BATALIN OR GORSHENEV WOULD BRING TOTAL TO 35. ANTIPOV INDICATED THAT ALEKSANDROV IS INCLUDED IN THEIR TOTAL OF 34 CURRENTLY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

3. EMBOFF STATED IT WAS NOT HIS IMPRESSION THAT NEW PROPOSAL REPRESENTED BACKWARD STEP, BUT RATHER AN INTERIM PROPOSAL SPECIFYING DETAILS OF WHAT WAS MEANT WHILE WE WAITED FOR SOVIET RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 16 DEMARCHE. EMBOFF SAID HIS IMPRESSION

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WAS THAT PRESENT PROPOSAL WOULD NOT PRECLUDE EVENTUAL VISA

ISSUANCE TO SOVIET SAN FRANCISCO STAFF UP TO TARGET RATION OF 36
IF ULTIMATE SOVIET REPLY TO OCTOBER 16 WAS NEGATIVE.
EMBOFF AGREED TO CHECK THIS POINT WITH DEPARTMENT.

4. ANTIPOV ALSO QUESTIONED LENGTH OF TIME CONSIDERED
"TEMPORARY." EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WHILE IN PRINCIPLE TDY COULD
BE FOR PERIODS AS LONG AS A YEAR OR MORE, THAT GENERALLY TDY
WAS FOR PERIODS UNDER SIX MONTHS. EMBOFF NOTED LENINGRAD
TDY'S ARE PRIMARILY INVOLVED WITH PUTTING CONGEN IN WORKING ORDER.

5. COMMENT. THERE MAY BE A COUNTING PROBLEM CONCERNING
SAN FRANCISCO WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN WHY ANTIPOV CONSIDERED
DEMARCHE A BACKWARD STEP. REQUEST CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER
OFFER TO ISSUE 36 VISAS FOR SF PERMANENT STAFF EXCLUDING WORKING
WIVES STILL HOLDS IF SOVIET REPLY RE LENINGRAD IS UNFAVORABLE.

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